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- 4,900,566 – Howard – 02/13/1990, (10 pgs.)
- 5,106,836 – Clemens et al. – 04/21/1992, (7 pgs.)
- EP 0511587 A1 – Takeda Chemical Industries Ltd. – 11/04/1992, (13 pgs.)
- JP 60094075A, Ajinomoto KK, Dialog Japanese Abstract, (1 pg.)
- JP 61254162A, Kamehiko Mogi, Dialog Japanese Abstract, (1 pg.)
- JP 59210872A, Ajinomoto KK, Dialog Japanese Abstract, (1 pg.)
- JP 61215323A, Otsuka Phar. Co., Dialog Japanese Abstract, (1 pg.)
- JP 60049764A, Ajinomoto KK, Dialog Japanese Abstract, (1 pg.)
- European Search Report dated 07/31/2003 for EP Application No. 107776.2, (4 pgs.)

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Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents on the attached form PTO/SB/08 and an Official European Communication from a counterpart application concerning one of the earlier filed applications from which the present application claims the benefit. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached and submitted with the European Office action in EP 107776.2 dated 07-31-2003 (4 pages) on which they were cited. European application no. 107776.2 is a divisional application of European application no. 94918203, which is the national phase of International Application No.

PCT/US94/06203, filed 06-02-1994, an application that claims priority to U.S. Application No. 08/076,312, filed 06-11-1993, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,428,070 and U.S. Application No. 08/184,519, filed 01-21-1994, now abandoned. The '312 application is part of the present application's family, as shown by the underlined portion of the family chain, which is reproduced here: This application is a continuation of Application No. 10/060,252, filed 02-01-2002, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,646,006, which application is a continuation of Application No. 09/930,833, filed 08-15-2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,642,208, which application is a continuation of Application No. 09/075,509, filed 05-08-1998, now U.S. Pat. no. 6,337,321, which application is a continuation of Application No. 08/556,035, filed 11-09-1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,891,459, which application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/336,159, filed 11-08-1994, now abandoned, which application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/076,312, filed 06-11-1993, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,428,070.

All of the documents being submitted are in English.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents are not "prior art" under United States law, then Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

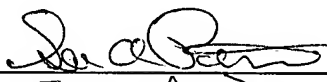
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